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Copy of Reply to Restriction Requirement filed on 10/24/03 (2 pages)

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed October 2, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, drawn to hedgehog antibody antagonists and methods of treating cells or animals therewith. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because claims 1, 5, 9, 13-20, and 24 encompass overlapping subject matter based on use of hedgehog antagonists. Accordingly, searches related to these hedgehog antagonists are co-extensive, and Groups I-III could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden.

In addition, Applicants submit that claims 1, 5, 9, 13-20, and 24 are linking claims for Groups I-III. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that, in accordance with MPEP 809, "should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn."

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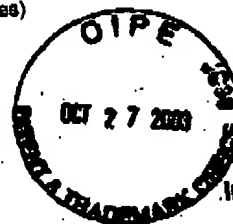
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FURTHER COMMUNICATION

Sir:

The Examiner in this case recently informed us that Applicants' response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in this case was not received. Accordingly, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the reply filed October 24, 2003, as well as the stamped, return postcard.